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FOR LOUIS CAVANAUGH

FOLLOWING REPEAT KABUL 3838 SENT ACTION SECSTATE USUN NEW YORK
HAVANA MOSCOW NEW DELHI ISLAMABAD TEHRAN MAY 11.
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 3838

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA (SSOD), AF, PORG(NACB)

SUBJECT: NEW AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD

1. DURING MY MEETING ON MAY 10 WITH NEW DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
DOST, I ASKED HIM ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN'S TRAVEL PLANS TO
EITHER HAVANA OR NEW YORK. DOST SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED
THAT AMIN SHOULD GO TO BOTH PLACES, TO HAVANA FIRST FOR
THE RE-SCHEDULED NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING AND
THEN TO NEW YORK FOR THE UN SSOD MEETING. HE WOULD BE LEAVING
KABUL ON MAY 15 AND WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MFA DIRECTOR
FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROUFY AND
BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS SAIF RAHMAN
KATIL.

2. THE PLAN IS FOR THE PARTY TO FLY TO DELHI FOR ONE NIGHT,
THEREAFTER TO MOSCOW FOR ANOTHER NIGHT AND THEN TO HAVANA
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VIA THE DIRECT AEROFLOT FLIGHT.

3. AS AN INDICATION OF THE TIMES, DEPUTY MINISTER DOST
REVEALED (PERHAPS INADVERTENTLY) AMIN'S ORIGINAL TRAVEL PLAN
OF GOING DIRECTLY FROM KABUL TO MOSCOW IN ORDER "TO STAY
THERE THREE DAYS" BEFORE FLYING TO HAVANA. IT WAS
SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED HE SAID, THAT KIND OF SCHEDULE WAS

"INCONVENIENT" AND IT WAS CHANGED SO AS TO HAVE THE MINISTER
GOING FIRST TO DELHI AND STAYING ONLY ONE NIGHT IN
MOSCOW. ELIOT UNQUOTE VANCE

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